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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8855
INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO
AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, BR
SUBJECT: ARREST OF "SOCIALIST CONVERGENCE" ELEMENTS IN SAO PAULO

REF: (A) SAO PAULO 2576, EO25x1 AUG 29, 1978

WITH REGARD TO REF (B), CONGEN RIO DE JANEIRO POLOFF CONTACTED UNHCR
REP PRIM AUGUST 30 RE TWO ARGENTINE NATIONALS ARRESTED IN SAO PAULO
AUGUST 24 IN DEOPS CRACKDOWN ON SOCIALIST CONVERGENCE. PRIM SAID HE
HAD INTERVIEWED BOTH IN SAO PAULO AUGUST 29. ALTHOUGH ARGENTINE
NATIONALS, BOTH WERE RESIDENTS OF COLUMBIA. PRIM ALSO SAID HE HAD
DISCUSSED THEIR STATUS WITH DEOPS OFFICIALS WHO PROMISED THAT NEITHER
WOULD BE RETURNED TO ARGENTINA. PRIM HINTED THAT DEOPS WOULD PROBABLY
QUIETLY EXPEL BOTH TO A THIRD COUNTRY. PRIM DESCRIBED ONE OF TWO AS
BEING A "BIG FISH"-- PRESUMABLY A PROMINENT ANTI-REGIME ACTIVIST.
THEY ALLEGEDLY TOLD HIM THEY WERE IN BRAZIL TO HELP ESTABLISH A
PUBLISHING FIRM.
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Good

*OKS - Spoke with McNeill & Bouton Friday;
Norman Bouton, ^{Then} discussed & will
continue to do so with our
Embassy Brazil by phone
to try to ensure that GoB
does not deport Argentines to
Argentina + to ensure their continued
safety in Brazil until
sent to 3rd country. RC*

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